

REMARKS

Claim 1 is hereby amended to correct the grammatical error noted in the Office Action. Claims 2-9 remain in the application unchanged.

To overcome the double patenting rejection set forth in the Office Action, an executed Terminal Disclaimer is attached hereto which disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the subject application that would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,253.

For the record, papers were filed on September 21, 2004 that change the Power of Attorney for this application. Accordingly, all future correspondence should be directed to the undersigned attorney at Jones, Tullar & Cooper, P.C. An Information Disclosure Statement was also filed with these papers. Acknowledgment of the IDS filing is requested.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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